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Filed:	March 17, 1999	)	
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#### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above identified application:

- 1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a. Response to Office Action Mailed March 29, 2005;
  - b. Signed Declaration and Power of Attorney; and
  - c. Return Receipt Postcard.
- 2. With respect to additional fees:
  - No fees are due at this time.
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Respectfully submitted,

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### **RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 29, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks and request an advisory action.

### Remarks

In the Office Action mailed March 29, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-39 as anticipated by Minear, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,983,350) under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). Applicants submit that Minear does not disclose all the elements of Applicants' claimed invention.

All of the pending claims recite distributed network address translation (*DNAT*) with security. *DNAT* allows a single routable IP address to be multiplexed among several hosts on a local stub network, none of which have a globally routable IP address. Thus, for example,